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Nancy Brunson of Elba is shown [in a wheelchair due to a recent breaking of her ankle] with Alabama Society DAR Regent Patrice Donnelly. Brunson was one of the 24 organizing members and a Charter Member of the original John Coffee DAR chapter. She is still an active member today.

## Local John Coffee DAR chapter celebrates 60 years of service

The John Coffee Chapter #3033 National Society Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] celebrated its 60th Anniversary (May 30, 1963 - May 30, 2023) this month.

Eunora Farris was the organizing Regent and served as its first Regent. Nancy Elizabeth Cowart Brunson of Elba was one of the 24 organizing members and a Charter Member of the original chapter. She is still an active member today.

During the 60th Anniversary celebration Brunson was recognized and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the NSDAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright for her 60 years of dedicated and faithful service. She also received a wrist corsage of red, white and blue flowers, a banner recognizing her for being a charter member and a gift from the outgoing Regent Jacques Hawkins.

A very informative power-point presentation was prepared by Amanda Skinner and narrated by the Chapter's Historian Nell Gilmer. There were many pictures of happenings over the 60-year period.

The Alabama Society DAR Regent Patrice Donnelly was a special guest, driving from Birmingham, Ala. to attend the 10 a.m. meeting. She was presented

with a basket of mementos, donated by Jacques Hawkins, from many of the shops in downtown Enterprise. While at the celebrations, Donnelly conducted an installation ceremony for the officers of the John Coffee Chapter who will be serving from June 1, 2023 until June 1, 2025.

Donnelly presented two red roses to Regent Jacques Hawkins and thanked her for her service to the John Coffee Chapter. She also presented a red rose to each of the new officers and installed them in their respective offices [see photo on Page 5].

Outgoing Regent Jacques Hawkins presented gifts to her officers in appreciation of their assistance during her two-year term of office as Regent. Hawkins final act was to present the gavel to Regent Betty Ann Stinson who gave welcoming remarks and adjourned the meeting. An outgoing gift was presented to Hawkins. A cake donated by Jacques Hawkins and punch provided by Betty Ann Stinson was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be August 23rd with the location to be announced. Those interested in becoming a member of DAR should contact Registrar Shirley Skinner at shirley\_skinner@hotmail.com or 334-301-6063.

## Coffee County Deputies make arrests including one for stalking - first degree

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested a male suspect Wednesday night, May 24, for stalking.

According to Coffee County Jail records, Donnie Killingsworth, age 36, of Brundidge was booked into the jail at 9:35 p.m. on the charge of stalking - first degree. His bond was set at \$60,000 for this charge.

Killingsworth also was charged

with bond revocation at the time of his arrest.

On Saturday, May 27, another Brundidge man was arrested by Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies on drug charges.

Bobby McLendon, age 59, was booked into the county jail at 3:59 a.m. Saturday morning. His charges included possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of drug para-

phernalia. Bond was set at \$15,000 for the controlled substance charge and \$5,000 for the paraphernalia charge.

Saturday night, a Kinston, Ala. man was arrested by deputies on the charge of chemical endangerment of a child. James Boutwell, age 42, of Kinston was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 7:22 p.m. Saturday night with his bond set at \$30,000 for the charge.



Killingsworth



McLendon



Boutwell

## Elba's Camp E.X.C.E.L. set for June 5-19 for children Grades 2-6

The City of Elba's Summer Camp E.X.C.E.L. will be held June 5 - 19 each Monday-Thursday from 12 noon until 4:30 p.m. The camp will be closed June 19th.

Camp E.X.C.E.L. serves children in grades 2 - 6 (2023-2024 school year). Camp fee is \$60 per child [plus \$10 for each additional sibling - family of 4]. Space is limited to 60 children.

A free lunch is provided by the Summer Feeding Program. Camp activities include character building and leadership, arts and crafts, games, sports, and lots more fun.

The camp will be held at Elba Elementary School. For more information, contact Beverly Daniels-Hamilton, summer camp director, at 334-447-5084 or email: [excel-projectelba@gmail.com](mailto:excel-projectelba@gmail.com)

## Elba City Council approves Miranda Russell to new, full term on Elba School Board

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, May 22, council members voted unanimously to reappoint Miranda Russell to the Elba City School Board.

Russell had been appointed to serve-out an unexpired term on the board that had been vacated, and now, that seat on the board was

up for a full-term appointment.

Mayor Tom Maddox said everyone he had spoken with believes that Russell had been doing a good job serving on the board for her district, and therefore, he recommended she be appointed to a new, full term.

After the council vote to affirm the appointment, Maddox thanked Russell for her willingness to give of her time to serve.

City clerk Sally Bane reported that construction for the new Elba Chamber of Commerce office on Davis Street in downtown Elba is progressing smoothly. She said that work is coming along really well and 'on budget' thus far.

Another project the city clerk addressed was the water main replacement project for Martin Luther King Drive. She said the contractor has been working to get this work done. Bane said traffic delays were to be expected while the project is underway.

"Keep in mind, however," she added, "Once the water mains are replaced, we get to repave that road. So, better days are ahead."

Also, during her report, Bane noted the Elba Splash Pad is open for the season. She said the splash pad is open each Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and from 1 - 8 p.m. on Sundays. It is closed on Mondays for cleaning and maintenance.

Elba Police Chief Troy Staley reported "all things going smooth" for his department. The only thing Staley said was an issue right now for the department was some maintenance issues with vehicles.

Council member Jane Brunson asked if the department was currently fully staffed, and Staley said it was short two officers from being fully staffed. However, he added that the department currently does not have enough patrol cars for a full staff.

He said the department is down four vehicles now with the majority of the old Crown Vic cars being removed from the fleet, and he said the department still had not received the new vehicle it ordered last year. He said that vehicle had been on order for several months.

Bane added that the city had received word the vehicle had been shipped, but she said that means shipped from Mexico so there was

## Revenue Commissioner talks annual tax settlement numbers during Coffee County Commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns presented his annual tax settlement report during the commission meeting held Monday, May 22, and inflation was the word commissioners heard multiple times.

"This has been the largest tax collection increase since I have been in office, and this is my 44th year," Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns said. "It is up 15-18 percent. We've never had anything like that before, and it is all because of inflation."

He said the cost of materials, new houses, and land have all gone up over the past couple of years, and in some cases, shown a tremendous increase amount.

Burns said that has contributed to higher property taxes for the county's residents.

"Unfortunately, it is going to stay there for a bit before it goes down," he said. "It has started to go back down some, but we operate on the previous year numbers. So, that means it is going to take longer to come back down than it does to go back up."

Burns said since there had been a slight decrease in the market already, this might not be quite as bad as this year, but he expects it to still be higher than the norm.

Burns said the tax increases from last year to this year were up some 3.2 million dollars.

Last year, he said the county collected \$924,000 for the state general fund, and this year it was \$1,106,000. The state soldier fund increased from \$362,000 collected to \$474,000, and the state school fund increased from \$1,165,000 to \$1,364,000.

The county's portion increased from \$2,849,000 to \$3,400,000 while the road and bridge fund

increased from \$1,396,000 to \$1,666,000.

Burns said tax collections for the municipalities also all increased this year. Kinston went from \$23,000 to \$27,000 in collections. New Brockton went from \$32,000 to \$39,000. Elba increased from \$118,000 to \$140,000, and Enterprise saw its increase go from \$2,715,000 to \$3,243,000.

Collections for the schools showed District One (county schools) increasing from \$1,784,000 last year to \$2,070,000 this year; the Enterprise City Schools district increasing from \$2,929,000 to \$3,410,000; and the Elba City Schools district increased from \$282,000 to \$326,000 in collections.

Burns said the District One county-wide portion went from \$616,000 to \$690,000; Enterprise Schools portion went from \$1,444,000 to \$1,702,000; and Elba Schools portion went from \$164,000 to \$191,000.

"Again, all of this is because of inflation," Burns reminded commissioners after he presented those numbers.

He also presented the insolvents, errors and assessments, and taxes and litigations. These items needed approval from commissioners to allow Burns to submit his annual report to the state. A motion for such passed by unanimous vote.

## Area Happenings

The Elba Public Library's Summer Learning Program will be held June 1 - July 28 this year. Registration is underway now. This program is fun for all ages, including adults. For more information, call (334) 897-6921 or email - [library@elbaal.gov](mailto:library@elbaal.gov). Participants can register online at [www.elbapubliclibrary.com](http://www.elbapubliclibrary.com)

The Coffee County Extension office will host a ServSafe Certification class June 7-8 at the Coffee County Extension office in New Brockton. This course is for anyone in the food service and handling industry that may need ServSafe Certification. For more information or to register visit [www.aces.edu/go/servsafe](http://www.aces.edu/go/servsafe) or call Food Safety Regional Extension Agent Bridgette Brannon at 334-714-1248.



In mid-May, the Coffee County Sheriff's Office celebrated the men and women who serve as correctional officers at the Coffee County Jail. This was held in conjunction with National Correctional Officers Week, which was established in 1984 by then President Ronald Reagan. The local correctional officers were honored/thanked for their service in the caring, custody, and control of inmates. A few of the correctional officers that serve the Coffee County Jail are pictured above. They are: (from left) Lt. Kyle Ethridge, assistant jail administrator; Sgt. Buddy Parker, intake supervisor; Corrections Deputy Mary Childs, corrections cook; Sgt. Glennette Williams, public relations deputy; and Capt. Shane Bryan, jail administrator.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Voltaire wrote during the reign of terror following the French Revolution over 200 years ago: "If you can get people to believe absurdities, you can get them to commit atrocities."

Voltaire's observation is as true today as it was 200 years ago! Social media has only expanded the opportunity for exploiting this human tendency.

Record-hot weather is predicted all across the U.S. for this summer, so says the weather experts. Reading a recap of their predictions seems to leave the southern part of the country out of the extreme heat predictions. They write about the Southwest extensively, and the Northwest will get some extreme heat (and dry weather). They note that the sea off the Northeast coast is already at normal summer temperatures, indicating they are going to get higher. Right now our weather in Alabama is fine, with cool evenings and nights and moderately warm weather during the day. We need to enjoy it while we can!

The news reports of recent drone attacks in Moscow, Russia worry us, as an indication of the war in Ukraine spreading and increasing the possibility of European countries and then the U. S. getting actively involved in the fighting and killing. The Ukraine folks have the right to protect their country (and are doing an impressive job of it) thus these drone attacks can be qualified as part of that defense effort, but we still worry about "The hurt dog that bites anything that moves."

The news Sunday morning was that a deal has been struck in Washington (maybe) on the debt ceiling and our Social Security check should soon "be in the mail" once the political grumbling is over. With billions in social security and welfare checks plus military and federal payrolls being at risk without solving this strictly political impasse would have many people going hungry and mass riots in a country already on edge about dozens of issues.

Our "unknown caller" hit again last Saturday morning shortly after midnight (and again at 5 a.m.). This time it didn't scare us as it did the week before...it just interrupts our sleep pattern and aggravates us a bunch. Completely turning off the phone is not really a good option, and 'How do you block a number you don't have?'

Last week we had negative comments about U. S. Senator Tuberville blocking the promotions of a bunch of military officers and the negative impact it would probably have on Alabama's chance of getting the new space center headquarters. One of our regular readers called defending the senator's actions. This reader is upset that the Pentagon has announced it will pay for pregnant female soldiers AND their families to travel to states where abortions are legal (which is the announced reason for Tuberville's delaying the promotions). Now our position on abortions hasn't changed and we could never encourage a woman to that decision, but neither do we pass judgement on someone who does opt for an abortion. We read just today that a woman dies in childbirth every two (2) minutes in the United States! Recent tightening of abortion laws in a number of states will surely increase those numbers.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, May 23, 2023, and Monday, May 29, 2023, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, May 23** – Report of shots fired at 1512 Powell Circle (4:01 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 650 Claxton Ave N (7:00 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr – w/ citation issued (9:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1508 Reese Ave (9:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 716 Williams Ave S – w/impound (11:17 a.m.); Reckless driver reported in area of Hwy 87 (10:35 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in advice given.

**Wednesday, May 24** – Domestic complaint reported on Collier St (2:36 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, one citation, and three verbal warnings.

**Thursday, May 25** – Animal complaint reported on Brunson Circle – w/ impound (9:22 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 189 S (1:39 p.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported on Davis St E (3:19 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1050 Neil Grantham Dr (4:39 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 595 Collier St (6:13 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Garrett St (8:19 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two citations, and one verbal warning.

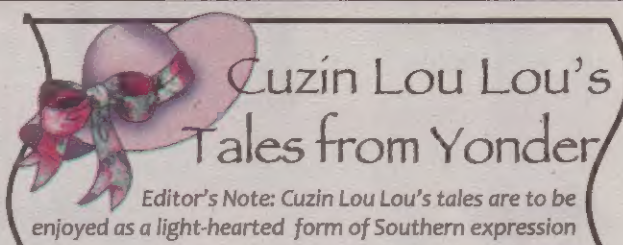
**Friday, May 26** – Domestic complaint reported at 221 Davis St E (3:47 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1175 Neil Grantham Dr (5:15 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 87 and Davis St

(5:53 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (6:02 a.m.); Assault reported at Elba Antique Flea Market (12:47 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 878 Claxton Ave N (3:35 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 335 Brunson Circle (5:42 p.m.); Identity theft reported at 1232 Ann St (6:17 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 N (6:35 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

**Saturday, May 27** – Noise complaint reported at 424 Flournoy Dr (12:04 a.m.); Harassment reported at 823 Roosevelt Dr (12:31 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 612 Adams Ave – w/arrest (2:50 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 715 Troy Hwy (3:23 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 611 Claxton Ave N (6:23 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 604 Mullins Circle (10:07 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

**Sunday, May 28** – Theft of property reported at 632 Claxton Ave N (7:07 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 (10:16 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, and one written warning.

**Monday, May 29** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 661 Davis St E (12:01 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 639 Claxton Ave N (2:29 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St B7 – w/arrest (10:13 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1667 Hwy 166 (1:36 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 2748 Hwy 166 (1:57 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 214 Factory Ave – w/arrest (6:07 p.m.).



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Death is something we all have an appointment with... the unknown is when exactly that appointment time will arrive. It did this past Sunday evening, May 28, for one of Papa's siblings.

Aunt Peggy was Papa's oldest sister...the second oldest of seven total siblings. The age range of the seven was from 90 to 75. Papa is the 'baby' of the group at 75. Aunt Peggy was the first of the seven to receive the appointment call. She was 88.

Cuzin Lou Lou and several of her cousins have often discussed how lucky the family has been for all seven to live such long lives, but all knew that one day, that longevity would be broken. Yet, how blessed this family has been to have had all seven of the siblings for so long!

Lou Lou often quips that she hopes she got Papa's family's genes when it comes to a long-lived life! Even more, when one thinks of this unusual blessing...all seven of the siblings have spent their time well in raising their own families, "doing good" unto others, and passing the torch on to the next generations.

Aunt Peggy had one of the sweetest souls a person could enjoy. She loved God and she loved her family...fiercely! No one ever doubted her love because she showed it in every way she could to everyone she knew.

As family members have reflected this week on stories from the past, Lou Lou could not help but remember all the times the whole clan would gather at Aunt Peggy's house every Christmas Eve. It was an evening of great food

and even better laughs...and the love of family was always there.

As the siblings and their spouses gathered around a table or in the den to catch up on things, their kiddos (the cousins) would gather outside to play games and talk – away from the 'old folks'.

Of course, when the cousins were younger, the gathering would break up pretty early in the evening as the little ones had to get home and go to bed so Santa would come see them. Then, as the family grew older and some of the cousins began to marry themselves, the attendance dwindled, but even that didn't stop those who could still come from enjoying the night. Many times, phones calls came in from those who could not be there...just to make sure they didn't miss anything exciting!

Of course, the time came when all the kiddos were grown, and most had families of their own...and the Christmas Eve gatherings ceased at Aunt Peggy's, but those times have remained etched in Lou Lou's mind as some of the greatest family-spent times of her life.

If Aunt Peggy had been able to, and if we all had not grown up and older, she would have tried her very best to have kept the tradition alive forever. It made her happy to do for her family and it made her happiest to have them all gathered in her home enjoying one another.

Sunday night, she had a great reunion and probably a big 'ole party up in Heaven when she went to be with the Lord. On that night, she was reunited with her beloved husband Bobby, and she got to see other family members already gone.

One thing is for certain, as sweet as Heaven may be, it got just a little sweeter Sunday night when Aunt Peggy made her grand appearance!

Papa, his brothers and sisters, Aunt Peggy's son and his family, and all her nieces and nephews are having a tough time this week dealing with the passing of the first from the real magnificent seven...but they also are rejoicing in knowing that Peggy is exactly where she wanted to be!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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## Elba High School Alumni Association awards scholarships

The Elba High School Alumni Association presented its annual scholarships to graduating Elba seniors during the Senior Awards Day Ceremony held Wednesday, May 17, at the high school.

The alumni association awarded \$3,000 in scholarship monies (\$1,500 to a female and \$1,500 to a male) to graduating seniors from the Class of 2023.

This brings the association's total given in scholarship monies to Elba High seniors since 2016 to \$24,500.

Presenting this year's scholarships was alumni association president Linda Hodge. The awards



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Gabriel Newby

went to Gabriel Newby and Danaejah Flowers.

"As president of the Elba High School Alumni Association, I am super proud of all the things we are able to do to help Elba City Schools, and it is an honor each year to pres-

ent these scholarships to students looking to further their education beyond high school," Hodge said. "We are proud of our students at Elba and we welcome this year's graduating seniors to alumni status!"

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## ELBA

still no definite timeline on when it would arrive in Elba.

"We are just in limbo right now with that," Staley said.

Council members approved a resolution authorizing Southern Engineering Solutions Inc. to make application to ALDOT for sidewalk improvements for the city. If approved for funds to move forward with the sidewalk improvements plan, the city would fund a 20 percent cost share for participation in the program.

Also, during the meeting, council members voted to move forward with imple-

menting a crosswalk in front of Dorsey Trailer to assist with traffic control when employees are arriving and leaving work.

During the remarks from the mayor portion of the meeting, Mayor Maddox said the discussion for a BlueWay Trail on Pea River had stimulated additional interest in the old Pea River dam. He said a meeting would be held in the near future on that matter and he hoped to be able to return to the council with some positive news.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

## Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

## ASHLEY ANN NICOLE DEAN

Ms. Ashley Ann Nicole Dean, age 25, of Coffee Springs, Ala., died Thursday, May 25, 2023, at her home after an extended illness in Coffee Springs.

No formal services will be held at this time. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. is serving the Dean family.

Survivors include her mother: Lisa Ann Landingham, Coffee Springs; brothers: Jonathan (Jennifer) Stephens, Dothan, Ala., David "AJ" Anderson, Coffee Springs, Michael (Megan) Stephens, Geneva, Ala.; sisters: Jeana (Marquise Bryant) Dean, Geneva, Sabrina Stephens, of La., Anniessa Stephens, Dothan; aunt: Neoma Wilson, Coffee Springs; uncle: Waylon Brown, Coffee Springs; niece: Aubriana Bryant, Geneva; nephews: MJ Bryant, Geneva, David Anderson, and Donovan Anderson, both of Coffee Springs.

## LIDA MARY CROSBY-BUSH

Mrs. Lida Mary Crosby - Bush, age 87, of Tallahassee, Fla., died Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at St. Augustine Plantation in Tallahassee, Fla.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 27, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Dustin Wisecarver officiating. Burial followed in the Victoria Community Cemetery.

Mrs. Bush was preceded in death by her husband - Charles David Crosby, husband - James R Bush, father - James A. Smith, mother - Mary Martha Smith, brother - James Smith and sister - Bula Owens.

Survivors include her sons: Chris (wife Michelle) Crosby, Dadeville, Ala., Scott (wife Missy) Crosby, and Charles Terry Crosby, both of Tallahassee; granddaughters: Ariel Ebanks, Hammond, La., Kyndall Rebecca and Julia Crosby, both of Tallahassee; grandsons: Scott James Crosby, Charlie Crosby, and Jonathan Crosby, all of Tallahassee; great-granddaughters: MaKenzie Freeman and Jemma KaLama, both of Tallahassee; and great-grandson: Lucas Crosby, Tallahassee.

## PAUL L. WALLACE

Mr. Paul L. Wallace, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, May 26, 2023, at his home.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 28, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Elba Church of Christ Elders George Bryan and Tom Maddox officiating. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Elba Church of Christ.

Mr. Wallace was preceded in death by his parents, Leagon and Bama Vonamore Wallace.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Boswell Wallace, Elba; and daughter: Anita Wallace (husband Richard) Hart, Wilmer, Texas.

## PEGGY JO HODGE MCINTOSH

Mrs. Peggy Jo Hodge McIntosh, age 88, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, May 28, 2023, at the Elba Nursing and Rehab Center in Elba.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, May

30, 2023, from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. McIntosh was preceded in death by her husband - Bobby G. McIntosh, father - Joe David Hodge, mother - Ola Jane Cook Hodge, sisters-in-law - Pearl Hodge and Nancy Hodge, and brother-in-law - Willie Ray Crocker.

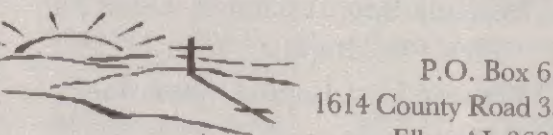
Survivors include her son: Scott (wife Stephanie) McIntosh, New Brockton, Ala.; granddaughter: Macy McIntosh, Enterprise, Ala.; brothers: William Randle "Bill" Hodge, Elba, Joe David (wife Judy) Hodge, and Ralph Hodge, both of Clearwater, Fla., and Robert L (wife Shirley) Hodge, Daleville, Ala.; sisters: Bertie Lee (husband Earl) Boland, and Mary Jane Crocker, both of Elba; along with many nieces and nephews.

## NOTICE:

A representative from U.S. Congressman Barry Moore's office in available in the conference center of Elba City Hall each 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-3 p.m. The representative will meet with citizens - you do not have to have an appointment to meet with the representative.

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- Activate exterior lights, security cameras and alarm systems.

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department encourages citizens to conduct a security check every night at or before 9 p.m. and make sure "you lock everything up!" Stay safe in order to potentially avoid having to file a report on what has been stolen. The Coffee County Sheriff's Department urges you to be aware and get into a 9 p.m. routine.

## Alabama community college system offers rapid, no-cost training to meet demands for fiber optic workforce

Salaries and demand for fiber optic technicians and installers are on the rise.

Through the Alabama Community College System's Skill for Success program, Alabamians can learn how to install and maintain fiber optic networks in less than a week.

The training can be completed quickly because part of the course is done online with interactive learning that is self-paced. Upon completing the online portion of the course, trainees then complete two days of hands-on training with qualified instructors at any of the 24 community and technical colleges around the state.

"Today's communication networks depend on fiber optic connectivity, so the demand for a skilled fiber optic workforce is critical and growing," said Jimmy H. Baker, Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System. "By delivering rapid training, Skills for Success quickly provides the training that can lead to immediate employment."

The online coursework covers the fundamentals of fiber optics, including industry standards and best practices. Participants then receive hands-on training when they learn how to install, test and maintain fiber optic cables, as well as how to troubleshoot and maintain fiber optic systems.

"When you walk out of here you're going to have opportunities to say that you know how to terminate fiber, you know how

to test fiber, you know how this works," said Josh Byars, an employee with Joe Wheeler FlashFiber who served as the hands-on instructor for the fiber optic training pilot course at Wallace Community College in Dothan.

Salaries for fiber technicians have increased by 12 percent in the past five years and demand for these professionals is expected to increase by eight percent by the year 2031, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Participants who complete the training also earn an ACCS Credential, which signals to businesses that the individual has mastered the skills taught in the program and is immediately ready for employment. The ACCS Credential can also be used as a foundation for additional classes and training at Alabama community colleges.

"The number one challenge for most businesses right now is finding and retaining a skilled workforce. Skills for Success training is developed in partnership with Alabama industries so it is customized with input from employers for jobs that are in high demand," said Keith Phillips, Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Economic Development for the Alabama Community College System.

Those interested in learning more and signing up for the training can go online to [innovation.accs.edu](http://innovation.accs.edu).

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What is a Flag Detail, and What Does One Look Like?

The United States flag plays a prominent role in military funerals. As such, it's important to have officers on hand who can not only ensure the fallen service member is properly honored but also see to it that the flag is handled with care and respect.

These officers are collectively known as the flag detail and may include a number of officers tasked with different activities. A couple of members of the detail will be responsible for handling the flag and folding it at the proper time. (The folds of the flag are rich in symbolic significance, and it's vitally important this action is taken on with the requisite attention.) These flag folders will then furnish the flag to the deceased's next of kin.

There are other important roles included in the flag detail, including pallbearers - whose job is to make sure the fallen service member's casket is transported respectfully and carefully.

In other words, the flag detail serves in both a symbolic role and a functional one. The members of the flag detail bring a lot of ceremonial significance to the military funeral service, but their actions are also necessary for keeping the events of the service moving forward.

As you consider the funeral arrangements for your deceased service member, you may have questions about how to arrange the proper flag detail, and what tasks you can expect them to perform during the service. Reaching out to the local VFW or American Legion can provide you with the answers you need. Alternatively, you can always ask your funeral home director for their insights on the matter.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net)

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# CHURCH NEWS

**ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
JUNE 4-8, 2023  
JUNE 4: 5-8:30 PM  
JUNE 5-8: 6-8:30 PM

**VBS 2023**  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!

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## VBS set for June 18-22 at Basin Baptist

Basin Baptist Church, located at 9757 Hwy 189 S, Elba, Ala., will host Vacation Bible School, Sunday, June 18, through Thursday, June 22.

The VBS schedule will be as follows: Sunday evening: 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Monday - Wednesday evenings: 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Thursday evening [Family Night] - begins at 6 p.m.

There will be classes for children ages 3-4 through 6th grade.

## Round and About With Eria's Daughter



**Scripture:** The suffering, praise, and posterity of the Messiah. Psalm 22: 1-31

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Michael Martin, Wole Mercy, Jioba Mercy, Marcus D. Kelley, Warren Belcher, Faye Manning, Min. Ronnie Caldwell, Deloris F. Williams, Rev. Fred/Annie Flowers

team had scored. IN the Notre Dame locker room, Coach Knute Rockne said to his team, "Boys, I want to tell you a story." Then he related Gipp's death-bed conversation with him: "Sometimes, Rock, when...things are going wrong and the breaks are beating the boys - tell them to go in there with all they've got and win just one for the Gipper." With the team sobbing, Rockne said, "All right, boys, this is the game. Let's get one for the Gipper." Notre Dame won the game that day, 12-6. Paul's final words to the elders of the church at Ephesus were words of encouragement. He had set the example. He knew that final victory would be theirs. It can be ours too, if we are faithful to follow that example and serve Jesus. - C.R.B.

### Question / Answer Section

**Q:** Abram was (75, 99, 100) years old when he, Sarai, and Lot left to go into the Land of Canaan.

**A:** 75 / Haran - Genesis 12:4

**Q:** In Amos' day, the people of Israel told the prophets, "Prophecy \_\_\_\_\_"

**A:** Not - Amos 2:12

### Thought to Remember

Courage is not the absence of fear, but fear that has said its prayers.

### Questions for the Week of 6/8/23

Answer the Questions - Use Your Concordance  
**Q:** Who gave God's instructions to Barak to take ten thousand men to fight against Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army?

**Today is a good day! Be grateful.**  
Eria's Daughter, Sue

## Newbia Baptist Church to host VBS on Saturday, June 10th

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Rd 330, Elba, Ala., will host the "Pets Unleashed - Where Jesus Cares For You" Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 10.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. that morning with the VBS fun to be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Pre-registration can be completed by texting/calling (334) 372-2098.

## Jack Assembly of God set to host VBS nightly June 19-23

Jack Assembly of God Church, located at 2200 County Rd. 208, Jack, Ala., will host Vacation Bible School from 6-8 p.m. nightly, June 19th-23rd.

## More upcoming VBS dates:

- Damascus Baptist Church - June 4-7
- Ino Baptist Church - June 4-8
- New Hope Baptist Church - June 4-9
- Zion Chapel Baptist Church - June 4-8
- Westside Baptist Church - June 5-9
- Elba First Baptist - June 11-15
- Kinston First Baptist - June 11-15

\* Contact the churches for the exact times/schedules for the individual Vacation Bible School programs.

\* Add your church VBS dates to the list - email: clipperace@troycable.net

**Always Attend the Church of Your Choice!**

## PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor

Covenant Community Church

### Five Mistakes Dads Should Never Make

1. Not praying with/for your children. Looking back now, I wish I'd prayed for and with my children more. It should have been a greater priority. I wish someone had helped me to be a praying dad a lot sooner.
2. Not admitting when you've blown it. Six of the most important words you will ever speak to your children are: "I was wrong; please forgive me!"
3. Not affirming your children and their innate worth as a person. Find ways to communicate this clearly and consistently to your children. You can never do it enough!
4. Not saying "I love you!" to your children, especially as they get older. "I love you!" What beautiful and powerful words!
5. Not spending quality time with your children daily. A day lost because you're too busy is lost forever. This is my #1 regret.

As scripture cautions us 54 times, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (Mark 4:9, et. al.)

## Vacation Bible School announced for Whitewater Baptist Church

Whitewater Baptist Church, located at 4301 Hwy 125, Elba, Ala., has 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. each announced Vacation Bible evening. All are invited to School will be held June 11 attend.

## "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m.

This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery.



# Church Directory

<p><b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b></p> <p><b>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, ALA.</b> Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHEL AME CHURCH</b> Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Renonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH</b> Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week" &amp; meal... 5:30 p.m. Bible Study &amp; Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>EANON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Philip Box, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 p.m. Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Steve Reneau, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Lovell Martin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Phillip Adeock, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH</b> Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH</b> John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC</b> W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH</b> Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC</b> Glenwood AL Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH</b> Heath Fountain, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 9:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIVING WORD CHURCH</b> Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays</p> <p><b>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dewey Enfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON</b> Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PRaise &amp; GLORY WORSHIP CENTER</b> Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Kerry Saxon, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH</b> James Boots, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Leon Fortune, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH</b> Lanny Shepard, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba</b> Max Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Lucas Taylor, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORY TABERNACLE</b> Rudy Lawson, Pastor Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WHITewater BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
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Alabama Society DAR Regent Patrice Donnelly (far left) conducted an installation ceremony for the officers of the John Coffee Chapter who will be serving from June 1, 2023 until June 1, 2025. The officers are (from left, facing Donnelly) Regent Betty Ann Stinson; Registrar Shirley Skinner; Secretary Amanda Skinner; Treasurer Jane Harrod; Historian Nell Gilmer; and outgoing Regent and incoming Librarian Jacque Hawkins. Not shown was the Vice Regent Elizabeth Vickers.

## Local students named to Chancellor's List at Troy

Troy University has released the names of students who made the Chancellor's List for the Spring semester and Term 4 of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List. The spring semester includes students at the Troy, Ala., campus. Term 4 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix

City and Montgomery, Ala., along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Local students making the list were:

**From Elba:** Raegan Bragg, Destiny Hataway, Vanesa Jimenez, Skyler Nalley, and Kacy Hussey;**From Jack:** Anice Thompson, Michael Wambles, and Rebekah Phillips;**From New Brockton:** Jaden Boland, Michael O'Neill, and Jayleana Teele**From Kinston:** Kathryn Free, and Rebecca Senn

## Enterprise man awarded degree during Spring commencement at Southern Miss

The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) awarded undergraduate, graduate and specialist degrees to approximately 2,017 students

graduating in the spring 2023 semester.

Jason Folmar, of Enterprise, Ala., received his Master's degree in library &amp; info sci.



Outgoing Regent Jacque Hawkins presented the gavel to new Regent Betty Ann Stinson who gave welcoming remarks and adjourned the organization's 60th anniversary meeting held earlier this month.

## Governor awards grants to assist domestic violence victims

Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded grants totaling \$141,338 to assist domestic violence and sexual assault victims in 21 counties.

"Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault deserve ready access to a variety of professional services including those provided by court advocates who can help them navigate the complexities of the justice system," Gov. Ivey said. "I commend the work of these organizations

to protect victims and their families every day."

Included in the grants was: **The House of Ruth Inc.** in Houston County is using funds of \$39,000 to provide education and training to law enforcement officers, social service workers and other first responders on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. The organization will also offer education and awareness training to public schools and college students

through community events, health fairs, job fairs and media outreach. The project serves Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grants from funds made available to the state from the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Gov. Ivey and ADECA believe that partnerships

with local organizations are vital to ensuring that victims continue to receive the services and help they require to recover from abuse." ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "These grants will help support such assistance through these organizations and programs."



## LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notices also are posted on the websites: www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2019, Richard Brian Norris and Heather Norris, husband and wife, did execute and deliver to First South Farm Credit, ACA, a mortgage on certain real estate hereinafter described, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Official Record Book 184A at page 472, and, WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said Mortgage as provided herein, which default continued at this date and said Mortgage is subject to foreclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, three weeks notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the courthouse doors, main entrance, in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 15, 2023, the real estate being more particularly described as lying and being situated in Coffee County, State of Alabama, to-wit: A parcel of land situated in the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 19 East, Coffee County, Alabama

and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a 1/2" rebar marking the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of said Section 21; thence N 89°56'58" E a distance of 567.14 feet to a 1/2" rebar #1082 and the Point of Beginning; thence N 89°56'58" E a distance of 1,274.34 feet to a 1/2" rebar #1082 and the Southwest right of way of Coffee County Road #437; thence along said Southwest right of way and a curve to the left having a radius of 1,470.70 feet and a length of 487.04 feet a chord bearing of S 41°43'57" E a chord distance of 484.82 feet to a 1/2" rebar #1082; thence departing said Southwest right of way S 04°04'32" W a distance of 623.97 feet to a 1/2" rebar #1082; thence S 20°02'22" W a distance of 390.26 feet to a 1/2" rebar #1082; thence N 46°55' 42" W a distance of 1,120.56 feet to a 1/2" rebar #1082; thence N 45°46'18" W a distance of 837.91 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 25.00 acres more or less.

Subject to easements, restrictions, and reservation appearing of record. Said sale and conveyance will also be made subject to the legal rights of exist-

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Such sale will be made as provided in mortgage for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage with interest thereon, any amounts required to be paid for taxes, insurance or other charges provided in said mortgage, and the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee. Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment, and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled hereto. FIRST SOUTH FARM CREDIT, ACA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RITA F DUBISAR, DECEASED

CASE NO: PC 2023-032

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of RITA F DUBISAR, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

/s/ Toni Dewberry

TONI DEWBERRY  
Personal Representative  
5/25 & 6/1,8-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO: PC 2023-008

IN THE MATTER OF ELMA LOUISE MORROW, deceased.

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to RONALD MORROW on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.Ronald Morrow  
Personal RepresentativeMatt Brunson  
Attorney for the Estate  
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## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While their Granddaddy worked for over twenty-four years over the holiday weekend, both my grandsons enjoyed the beginning of summer by heading to the water. Lawson and his Mom went to the beach for a day and came home with sandy crocs, wet swimming suits and a slight sunburn, while Cannon joined his Mom and Dad at the pool and splashed on every chance he got as he found how much fun a pool can be. Yep, summer is here, for some.

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\*Anyone who thinks being a student-athlete in high school is easy needs to talk with a player in just about any sport. At Elba High, and at high schools all around the state, basketball teams will be back on the court in June to get in summer workouts and play games against area teams, while all the athletes in the many other sports will get up early four days a week to head into the weight room and track to work on strength and quickness. It is a sacrifice to play sports in high school, and while the players deserve credit for all the extra hours of work put in, so do all the coaches that are back at school almost daily to try and teach their players the fundamentals of the sport and make certain they will be ready when the season starts. There is truly no rest for the weary when it comes to high school sports!

\*\*\* In closing.... I still watch the highlights of the Atlanta Braves every night to keep up with their run toward another East Division title, and while I can longer watch the Braves live on the tube, the highlights have kept me satisfied. I haven't been to a game in Atlanta for a couple of years. However, since I can't watch'em live anymore I may have to go to a game and fill the need.

## Free Fishing Day set for June 10 at all state lakes

On Saturday, June 10, 2023, Alabamians and out-of-state visitors alike will have the opportunity to fish for free in most public waters including both freshwater and saltwater. Free Fishing Day allows residents and non-residents to enjoy the outstanding fishing Alabama has to offer without purchasing a fishing license. The event is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 3-11.

"This is the perfect opportunity for non-anglers to test the fishing waters and to remind former anglers of all the fun they've been missing," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). "It's also a day for kids to learn how fun and exciting fishing is, while giving families a chance to do something together outdoors."

Free Fishing Day also takes place during Alabama's red snapper season. While fishing license requirements are waived for Free Fishing

Day, those fishing for red snapper will still need a \$10 Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement. For more information visit [www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/saltwater-recreational-size-creel-limits](http://www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/saltwater-recreational-size-creel-limits).

In addition, State Public Fishing Lakes still require a fishing permit on Free Fishing Day, and fishing in a private pond requires the pond owner's permission. Some piers may also require fees and permits. Anglers looking for a new public fishing spot are encouraged to explore the fishing section of [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com).

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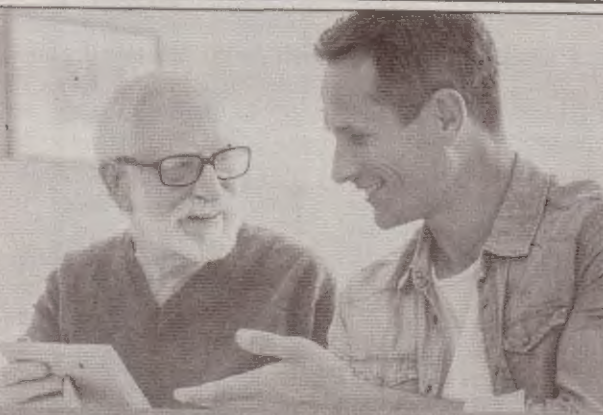
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## June 6 is first day to register for permit to hunt 'gators in Alabama

At 8 a.m. on June 6, 2023, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) will begin accepting online applications for Alligator Harvest Permits. The permits allow for the harvest of an alligator in one of Alabama's five designated Alligator Management Areas (AMA) during the dates listed below. There is no fee to apply for a permit.

A total of 260 Alligator Harvest Permits will be distributed among the five AMAs. Individuals may submit one application per management area. The online application must be submitted by 8 a.m. on July 11. For complete season information or to apply for a permit starting June 6, visit [www.outdooralabama.com/seasons-and-bag-limits/alligator-season](http://www.outdooralabama.com/seasons-and-bag-limits/alligator-season).

Only Alabama residents and Alabama lifetime license holders ages 16 years or older holding any valid all game or small game Alabama Hunting License may apply for permits. Alabama lifetime license holders may apply for an Alligator Harvest Permit even if they have moved out of the state.

Hunters will be randomly selected by computer to receive one harvest permit each. There is a \$250 fee for the Alligator Harvest Permit. If selected for two or more locations, hunters must choose which location they would like to hunt. The slot for locations not chosen will be filled from a list of randomly selected alternates.

The random selection process utilizes a preference point system. The system increases the likelihood of repeat applicants being selected for a hunt as long as they

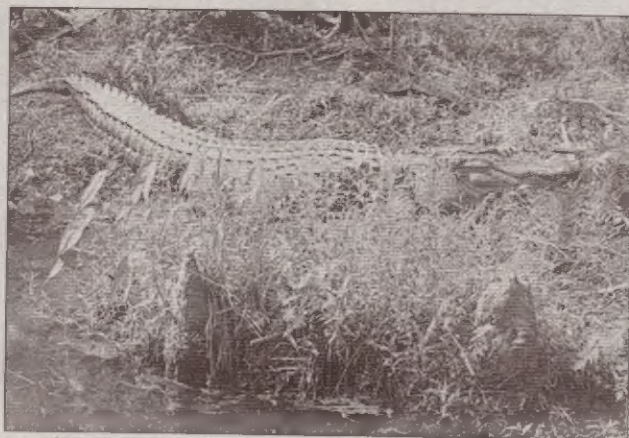
## Lady Tiger volleyball teams selected for 2023 season

The Elba Lady Tigers held volleyball tryouts last week for the 2023 high school season. Following are team rosters:

**Varsity**  
Kendra Juarez  
Brooke Tinsley  
Haylee Tucker  
Mary Kelley  
Alayvia Stinson  
A'Lytic Whitfield  
Aubrey Wiseup  
Keelie Moseley  
Sydney Siler  
**Junior Varsity**  
Ma'kiyah Hooks  
Caleigh Smith  
Ja'Haira Walker  
Jadyn Caldwell  
Taylor Day  
Stellar Edgar  
Layla Faircloth  
Mackenzie Foster  
Meriah Hill  
Channon Hooks  
Chloe Russell  
Miciah Smith



Lyla Walden  
Brooklyn Henderson  
Hillary Hudson  
Andre Johnson  
Shaylee Johnson  
Zaniyah Mitchell  
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Tamia Tillis  
Javonnie Williams



continue to apply each year. If an applicant does not apply for a permit in a given year or is selected and accepts a permit for a hunt, the preference point status is forfeited.

Applicants can check their selection status at the link listed above after 8 a.m. on July 12. Those selected to receive a harvest permit must confirm their acceptance online by 8 a.m. on July 19. After that date, alternates will be notified to fill any vacancies. Applicants drawn for the hunt are required to complete an online Alligator Training Course prior to accepting their hunter/alternate status. The course will be available on the applicant's status page upon login.

The AMAs, total tags issued per AMA, and hunt dates are listed below.

## SOUTHWEST MANAGEMENT AREA

— 100 Harvest Permits  
Locations: Private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile counties north of interstate 10, and private and public waters in Washington, Clarke and Monroe counties east of U.S. Highway 43 and south of U.S. Highway 84. 2023 Dates: Sunset on August 10, until sunrise on August 13. Sunset on August 17, until sunrise on August 20.

## WEST CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA

— 50 Harvest Permits  
Locations: Private and public waters in Monroe (north of U.S. Highway 84), Wilcox and Dallas counties. 2023 Dates: Sunset on August 10, until sunrise on August 13. Sunset on August 17, until sunrise on August 20.

## LAKE EUFAULA MANAGEMENT AREA

— 20 Harvest Permits  
Locations: Public state waters only in the Walter



## Elba picks Tiger and Lady Tiger

The Elba Tigers held tryouts last week for the 2024 high school golf team. Following are team rosters:

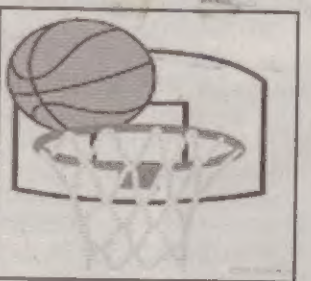
**Boys Varsity**  
Payton Byrd  
Trace Grantham  
Jay Wilson  
Alex Wiseup  
**Boys Jr. High**  
Cole Astemborski  
Powell Bane  
Dylan Holley  
Levi Martin  
Cole Shehee  
Andrew Wiseup  
**Girls Varsity**  
Hillary Hudson  
Kayden Moseley  
Mary Brooklyn O'Neal  
Payton Parks

F. George Reservoir/Lake Eufaula and its navigable tributaries, south of Alabama Highway 208 at Omaha Bridge (excludes Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge). 2023 Dates: Sunset on August 18, until sunrise on October 2.

Each person receiving an Alligator Harvest Permit will be allowed to harvest one alligator during the season. An 8-foot minimum length requirement is in effect for alligators harvested in the Lake Eufaula AMA. There is no minimum length for hunts in the other management areas. The use of bait is prohibited. All alligator harvests must be immediately tagged with the temporary Alligator Possession Tag and reported as directed for each AMA. The permanent Alligator Possession Tag will be distributed after the hunt by ADCNR Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division personnel.

Hunting hours are official sunset to official sunrise in the Southwest, Coastal, Southeast and West Central AMAs. For the Lake Eufaula AMA, hunting is allowed both daytime and nighttime hours. All Alabama hunting and boating regulations must be followed.

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## Tigers pick 23-24 basketball teams

The Elba Tigers held basketball tryouts last week for the 2023-2024 high school basketball season. Following are team rosters:

**Elba Tiger Varsity**  
Cody Gray  
Cameron Gray  
Jamal Siler  
Alvin Henderson  
Emmanuel Cooks  
Keaton Poole  
Brayden Johnson  
Brady Johnson  
Jacob Watkins  
Ty Sieving  
**Elba Tiger Junior Varsity**  
Jonathan Edwards  
Skylar Mitchell  
Matthew McCart  
Ryan Schindler  
Cassidy Carpenter  
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Locals enjoy the Memorial Day weekend with fun, food and more

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States. It also is unofficially considered by many to be the "start of summer" thus the holiday weekend is enjoyed by many fun activities along with taking time to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

Several locals shared some of their 2023 Memorial Day weekend activities with The Elba Clipper – all noting that their "fun" was made possible by those who gave it all! Each that shared a photo said they are grateful for those who are willing to serve to protect our freedoms.



Joseph Cline of Elba was honored during his graduation ceremony from FAITH Academy over the weekend at County Line Baptist Church in Enterprise. The church sponsors the FAITH (Families Advancing in Teaching Homes) Academy homeschool program that Joseph participated in for his education. Joseph said the sacrifices of those who never made it home from service allowed him to not only enjoy the privilege of graduation this past weekend, but it also allowed him to do so by attending his graduation through a church-based program. Joseph is the son of Joel and Anne Cline of Elba.



Byrdie Forbes spent her most of her Saturday at the ballpark watching her older sister, Taylor Day, participate in a softball tournament in Marianna, Fla. Of course, the stains on Byrdie's lips suggest that she also enjoyed snacking while at the ballpark! Byrdie is the daughter of Robbie Forbes and Raean McCollough of Elba.

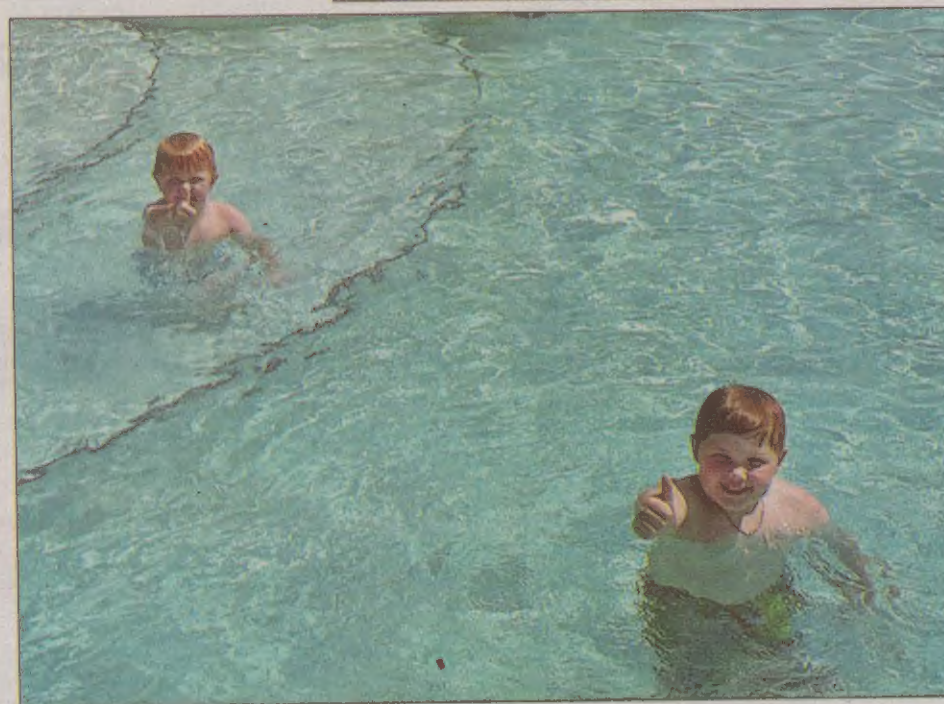


Photo to the Right: This group of young ladies from Elba enjoyed their Sunday afternoon at the movies! The girls went to see Disney's The Little Mermaid, which made its box office debut over the holiday weekend. According to the ladies, the movie was "Great!" The group of friends includes (from left) Mary-Brooklyn O'Neal, Taylor Day, Hillary Hudson, Byrdie Forbes, Kayden Moseley, Keelie Moseley, and Parrish Grantham.



The Bane and Holley families of Elba enjoyed floating down Bear Paw Creek in Florida as part of their Memorial Day weekend celebrations. In the top photo, Jacks, Cooper, Powell, and Dylan float ahead of the rest of the family members while (to the left) everyone tried to gather for a group photo. Those pictured include: Bradley and Sally Bane and their children - Powell, Jacks and Bella, and Jason and Julie Holley and their sons - Dylan and Cooper. The two families have been longtime friends and enjoy spending time with one another.

As the group photo shows, it was difficult to get all in the frame thus the partial head showing for Bradley!



### Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up for the qualifying programs.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home. For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.

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Brothers Carson (front) and Jackson (back) Blair and their baby brother, Colton, spent the Memorial Day weekend with their grandparents Dean and Melonee Blair while their dad and mom, Brian and Megan Blair, were away on an anniversary trip. Carson and Jackson had a busy weekend with the grands, and they gave thumbs up when it came to swimming time! The weekend also included a trip to the movies, grilling, shopping, church, and more.

"Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m. This is a safe, confidential space to talk, network and grow in recovery. For more information, contact Rory Vignola on Facebook.

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### Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

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## LIFESTYLES

## Kennedy named LBWCC Outstanding Alumnus

LBW Community College named second-generation logger and business owner Kevin Kennedy as the 2023 Outstanding Alumnus.

He was recognized at the annual commencement ceremony Friday, May 12, in Andalusia, Ala.

Kennedy, a 1992 graduate of Brantley High School, attended and graduated with a degree in forestry from Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in 1995. He is the owner and president of Kennedy Logging, Kennedy Forest Products, Partners' 5 Trucking Company, and RBKK Leasing, located in Brantley, Ala.

He has had a passion for the timber industry since high school, when he worked with his dad. After completing his degree at LBW, Kennedy was employed by Kennedy Logging and in



Kevin Kennedy

2001 established a land/timber procurement company, Kennedy Forest Products.

"Mr. Kennedy's companies' economic impact in our service area is astounding, accounting for over 60 jobs directly and countless others indirectly," said LBW President Dr. Brock Kelley.

Kennedy's passion for

the timber industry goes well beyond his own companies, and he has joined with other professionals to ensure the timber industry in the state of Alabama thrives. He serves on several committees and boards across the state to help others in the forestry industry. He is a board member of the Alabama Forestry Association; Alabama Forestry Association Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama; Choctawhatchee, Pea, and Yellow Rivers Water Management Authority; Swamp Fox Insurance; Forest PAC; and a board member of the First National Bank of Dozier. He has served as the Vice Chairman and Trustee for Alabama Forest Fund Workman's Comp for the last 14 years. Recently, Kennedy had the opportunity to attend a conference in Washington D.C. to speak with Senators and legislators to voice the needs of the forestry industry of Alabama.

Kennedy resides in Brantley with his wife, Tracy, and their two children, Natalie and Jack. He is a member of Brantley United Methodist Church.

"We are pleased to recognize Kevin Kennedy as the 2023 Outstanding Alumnus for the College for his work in the field of forestry," Kelley added. "The forest industry is such a vital part of South Alabama's economy, and it's because of alumni like Kevin that our college and forestry program continue to grow."



THE ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 an event Thursday evening, May 25, that probably has not happened in over 100 years...the Lodge hosted work and business in all three lodges by candle light. Due to electrical work on the main power lines and service outage, found themselves with a lodge full of brothers and work on the table. They broke out the oil lamps and candles and moved forward. It sure made for an interesting and warm night with no electricity and no air conditioning. Brother William 'Will' Earl Moore was initiated in the EA Lodge. Brothers Stephen Hunko and Hayden Disotell returned lesson in the FC Lodge and Proficiency of Lessons voted on in the MM Lodge. Those pictured include: (front, left to right) Mark Johnson, Drexell Richards, Mike Amison, Brennan Sanders, William Will Earl Moore, Stephen Hunko, Hayden Disotell, Randy Hawthorne, Joe Daugherty, Dale Stewart, and Tim Marler; (middle row, l to r) Daniel Stephens, Eddie Kelley, Matt Brunson Sr., Shane Goude, Troy Gideon III, Eric Bradshaw, Allan Crenshaw, Chris Sanders, and Stacey Danielles; (back row, l to r) Ashton Davis, W/M Wendell Black, Tommy Morrow, Steve Dewberry, Jack Caradine, Ethen Dodd, and Joel Moore.

## Elba senior receives scholarship from Club Yesepoch

The Club Yesepoch 2023 Scholarships have been awarded to two Wiregrass students, Taylon Purvis and Haley Jones for their remarkable academic achievements and community service recognitions.

Taylon Purvis, a 2023 graduate of Elba High School, has been accepted at Alabama Aviation School. His goal is to obtain a degree and become an aircraft maintenance technician.

Purvis is an honor roll student; earned Spotlight Student of the Week and Microsoft PowerPoint Specialist. His extracurricular activities and club memberships include Elba High School Basketball, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Family, Career and Community Leader of America (FCCCLA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes,



Taylon Purvis and Haley Jones

Homecoming Escort, Real Life Church Camp and Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church Volunteer.

Purvis is a staff member of the Greentree Christian Fellowship. His experience includes yardwork, landscaping and cleaning houses. Jones is a 2023 Daleville High School graduate with an advanced diploma. She has been accepted to attend Auburn University in the fall and will major in nursing. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she plans to

continue her studies at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and earn a master's degree and become a nurse anesthetist.

She has an outstanding academic high school record and earned numerous honors while maintaining all A's throughout the 2020, 2021, 2022 school years. Awards include Student Scientist, Historian, Mathematician, Leadership and School Spirit.

Jones has been recognized for community service with several organizations. She is also the reigning Miss Daleville 2022-2023.

Jones is a member of the National Beta Club, National Honor Society, Tri-National Music Honor Society and Student Government Association (SGA). She is also the Yearbook Business Manager and Senior Class Historian.

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